

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 2, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention is a method, system, and computer program product for performing searches that generates expanded queries, retrieves meaningful and relevant information, and presents the retrieved information to the user in a useful and comprehensive manner. The present invention performs a search that involves three searching steps: the retrieval of recommendations relating to a search query string based on users search query logs and user profile data ~~and user profile data~~, query expansion and searching based on the expanded query, and thematic clustering of the search results.